

June 11th

About 100 Staples High School students stepped into the debate over **Connecticut's** (U.S.A.) new education reform law, staging a demonstration before morning classes to voice concerns about the act's reliance on standardized test results to evaluate teachers. Standardised evaluations and rankings are essential elements when it comes to establishing education markets.



June 10th

As reported by activists on the ground on social networks around 5,000 students took to the streets in **Chittagong** (Bangladesh) to resist conditions at the chronically underfinanced National University.



The struggle against tuition fees and repressive policies continued in the streets of **Montreal** (Quebec, Canada) during the last day of the Grand Prix. Police used tear gas and pepper spray to disperse protests. Around 30 protesters were arrested. Several police cars were reportedly vandalized as protesters covered vehicles with graffiti and broke windows.



Parents, students and a few teachers protested on the Park Strip along Minnesota Drive with a potpourri of signs to put attention on teacher layoffs in the **Anchorage** School District in Alaska (U.S.A.).

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EDUCATION PROTESTS WORLDWIDE

JUNE 10-15TH 2012



WE ARE EVERYWHERE!

The following is an overview of activities linked to our worldwide struggle against the increasing commercialisation of education and for free emancipatory education during June 2012. It underlines the global nature of the struggle against symptoms of the currently dominating economic system, which unleashes its forces on all continents. Therefore the need to connect around the world to counter these developments and fight for a different education together is self-evident. Groups and activists worldwide are currently coordinating the first **GLOBAL EDUCATION STRIKE (Oct. 18th + Nov. 14-21st 2012)** in history. Get involved in the coordinations on the International Student Movement platform - no matter where you are!

Overview for the complete month, incl. sources:
http://ism-global.net/protests_worldwide_june2012
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June 15th

Sit-in staged by protesting teachers and parents in **Oakland** (U.S.A.): "Some Oakland students are saying goodbye forever to their schools because they're being shut down. It was a sad moment, but also prompted a protest. Four Oakland schools will not reopen next year, but parents and teachers at Lakeview Elementary say they're not leaving and plan on setting up tents and staying on school grounds all night to protest the closures."



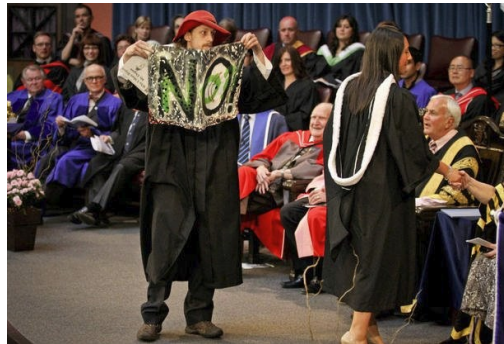
Hundreds of protesters greeted Premier Ted Baillieu as he arrived in **Ballarat** (Australia): Angry TAFE students and staff staged a protest at Lydiard St, Ballarat, in response to cuts to student and staff numbers – as well as the potential for more than 1000 job losses across the state. Up to 60 courses could be cut at the University of Ballarat after a \$20 million funding cut put its arts school and business and racing certificates at the university's Horsham campus in the gun.



June 14th

"Education is being treated like a product, a commodity. Education should be an ongoing process rather than a product which can be sold or received."

In solidarity with Quebec students, protesting University of **Toronto** (Canada) graduate Michael held up a "no" sign at his convocation ceremony and refused his bachelor of arts degree. He said university education is becoming elitist and exclusionary with "only certain people able to afford it."



June 13th

While legislative leaders met behind closed doors to hash out the final elements of the state education budget, hundreds of parents, children, and laid-off teachers staged protests over proposed school cuts at several locations in the Capital city **Harrisburg** (U.S.A.).



Class opening at the University of the Philippines **Los Banos** was welcomed with a rally for democratic structures at the institution and against continuous cutbacks on the education budget. Some 300 students participated and distributed flyers to new students.



June 12th

The Education Rights Campaign (ERC) in **Nigeria** condemned the closure the Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA) and suspension of leaders of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) and the Non-Academic Staff Union (NASU). Six other union leaders were also put on indefinite suspension.

The two unions – SSANU and NASU - are demanding payment of hazard allowance to members. According to the workers, it was the fact that the University authorities reneged on earlier promises to pay that forced workers to down tools and protest.

Report has it that the University authorities are also threatening to discipline other members of staff who refuse to work. This strong-arm tactics is meant to force workers to accept a situation where they work without full payment of their benefits including hazards.



News from **Oakland** (U.S.A.): As 5 elementary schools are set for closure at the end of this school year, displacing around 900 children to schools 10 miles away with no transport provided, parents and teachers announce plans to sit-in to save their schools.

